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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW, Suite 1220
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Elliot:

I am writing to express Pittsylvania County's support for a strong freight railroad network, not only in our county/state/region, but across the nation.

As America finally begins to pull itself out of this Great Recession, we do not need to stall the progress already made by damaging the ability of the rail industry to reinvest and continue to provide strong service.

We at the Pittsylvania County Office of Economic Development support a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery.

We oppose any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure. We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the Surface Transportation Board. We need to maintain the strong and well-balanced regulatory system we have in place today.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



**Kenneth L. Bowman
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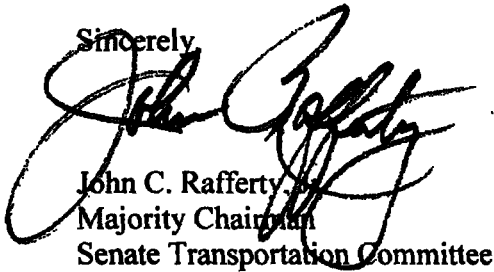
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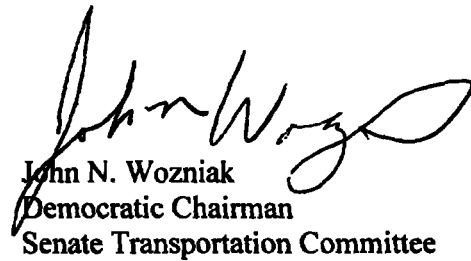
As you deliberate actions that might affect our rail freight companies, we urge you to maintain a regulatory structure that allows for the continued investment and growth of our freight rail industry.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely



John C. Rafferty
Majority Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee



John N. Wozniak
Democratic Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee